

## MITCHEL DUBBED "GREAT OPTIMIST"

Confidence in Pay-as-You-Go Policy Wins Senator Brown's Admiration.

## NO DIRECT STATE TAX NEEDED FOR 2 YEARS

Mayor Sends Letter to Legislators Asking Cooperation with City Officials.

"You're one of the greatest optimists I have ever known."

That was Senator Elton R. Brown's characterization of Mayor Mitchell yesterday. The Mayor appeared again as the star witness before the legislative committee which is investigating the city's financial condition.

The Mayor accepted the remarks calmly, replying that it was better to be an optimist than to look on the dark side of things.

Senator Brown asked the Mayor if he did not think the pay-as-you-go policy adopted by the Mitchell administration should be somewhat modified. The Mayor did not favor any modification.

"Furthermore," said Mr. Mitchell, "I do not believe any future administration will be able to break down the policy. The people will come to realize the benefit under such a policy, and I think it will be incorporated in all future municipal platforms."

"Mr. Mayor, you are one of the greatest optimists I have ever known," said Senator Brown. "Certainly the greatest I have met since we have been here. I have known administration policies to break down."

The Mayor declared that he did not think a policy should be incorporated in the charter when the city had taken up voluntarily. He said that the adoption of a policy from such a source should be left to the determination of the municipal authorities. The witness said that after it had been in operation for two or three years there would be no popular demand for a change.

"I have had a good many communications in regard to the purchase of Dreamland Park by the city," said Senator Brown. "Will you kindly explain this transaction?"

The Mayor started to explain, but the chairman interrupted him to inquire with a straight face:

"Where is this beautiful Dreamland?"

Several persons in the audience answered the question before the laugh started. The Mayor explained the details of the acquisition of Dreamland, and said that while he was glad the city had obtained the waterfront park at the time, as it might not have had another chance, he would not vote to invest money in such a project now unless it was paid for by local assessments.

The Mayor said that without a direct state tax for the next two years the city could not get along without an increase in the tax rate. Beyond that, he thought, new sources of revenue would be needed to keep the tax rate down. He said it was the opinion of real estate men that depression in real estate had reached its bottom, and that the market would be upward instead of downward in the future.

## SWANN PLANS TO DIM BRILLIANT 'RED LIGHTS'

West Side Crusade To Be Directed at Owners of Buildings.

District Attorney Swann is planning a crusade against the "red light" district, notably in the upper west side. This was the principal subject discussed by the District Attorney, Police Commissioner Woods and Chief Magistrate McAdoo over their coffee and cigars at luncheon yesterday. It is understood that the proposed crusade will be aimed at the owners of buildings in which tenants are convicted for maintaining disorderly houses.

"We are determined to get at the owners and proprietors of such places as the only effective means of prosecuting complaints," said Mr. Swann. "The court of appeals has upheld the detention and fine of an owner of a building rented for immoral purposes."

## Webster and Heilbronner

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## MONNETT FIGHTS PLOT INDICTMENT

Labor Men Exempt from Prosecution Under Sherman Law, He Asserts.

SAYS SHIPPING ARMS  
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No Crime to Stop Munitions for Allies, His Plea—Paul Koenig Gives Himself Up.

Frank S. Monnett, former Attorney General of Ohio, counsel to Labor's National Peace Council, moved yesterday to quash the indictment in which he was jointly charged with David L. Buchanan, Representative in Congress from Illinois; Frank Rintelen, German fiscal plot agent, and five others with alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Monnett's plea was that labor men and labor organizations are exempted by the Clayton act from prosecutions under the provisions of the Sherman law. He also pleaded that they could not be indicted for preventing or seeking to prevent the shipment of munitions of war to the Allies, as such trade is not commerce. A criminal and civil violation of the treaties of this country with Turkey, Germany and Austria, is Monnett's characterization of the traffic in arms.

A similar motion was made on behalf of Jacob C. Taylor, of East Orange, also named in the same bill. He was president of the union of the out-of-town workers, left for their homes this evening feeling gratified over the manner in which the local suffragists were being treated. They received assurances from the women of the capital that they would keep campaigning, whether any of the leaders from the big cities of the state were here or not.

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Roselawn, Ind., Jan. 11.—A journey of 8,000 miles in a basket bed ended here to-day, when C. C. Smith, a mining engineer, of Natal, South Africa, arrived at the home of his parents. He suffered a broken back in a mine accident and is paralyzed from the waist down, but nevertheless will wed Miss Amy Palmer, an English nurse, who cared for him in a hospital at Cardiff, Wales, and helped bring him home.

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The journey was broken at Cardiff so that the injured man might receive special medical attention, and it was there that he met Miss Palmer. Because of the size of the basket in which Smith travelled it was necessary to take out the windows of a railroad coach to get him aboard.

## LEGISLATORS GIVE SUFFRAGISTS HOPE

Women, Confident Amendment Will Pass, Arrange Details of State Campaign.

Albany, Jan. 11.—After two days of hard work in getting legislators on record as to the woman suffrage amendment, the suffrage workers here met to-day at their headquarters, in Washington Avenue, to discuss the campaign, and arranged details of the legislative campaign.

The Albany suffragists will keep the headquarters open from 10 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Literature will be distributed and out-of-town suffragists will make it their gathering place. Mrs. James Lees Landis, Mrs. Norman de R. Whitehouse and Mrs. Ogden Mills Reid, of New York, and Miss Harriet May Mills, of Syracuse, the most active of the out-of-town workers, left for their homes this evening feeling gratified over the manner in which the local suffragists were being treated. They received assurances from the women of the capital that they would keep campaigning, whether any of the leaders from the big cities of the state were here or not.

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## SPITTERS MARCH TO COURT TO-DAY

Hundreds Get Summonses in New Crusade by Health Department.

CAR CROWDING EMPLOYED  
WILL BE RESUMED

But Persons in Vestibules Will Not Be Counted as Violating Seat-and-a-Half Law.

The first batch of these summoned to court for spitting will appear before the city magistrates at 9 o'clock this morning.

Chief Magistrate McAdoo has written letters to all magistrates warning them to have the decks cleared for the swarm of cases that are sure to come into court to-day and asking their cooperation with the Health and Police departments, with a view to abating the epidemic of infectious colds now sweeping the city.

Court officials familiar with the results of these occasional recommendations from the chief magistrate predict that few offenders will get off without fines. A similar letter was sent out in the case of the campaign against unmuzzled dogs.

How many summonses were handed out yesterday could not be learned, but the Health Squad, which works under the Health Department, reported that twenty-six of their sanitary police, who worked only in Brooklyn and Manhattan, arrested two men and handed out 138 summonses. Other sanitary police worked in the other boroughs, and throughout the entire greater city thirty-one sanitary inspectors in plain clothes rode in subway, elevated and surface cars.

That the regular uniformed force was aiding in the crusade against spitting was made certain by the orders to squads that went out on patrol at 8 yesterday morning and by the summonses that were actually handed out by the uniformed men. The orders to the police are to be strictly observed for at least a week.

A statement issued by the Health Department yesterday gave the total for deaths from influenza for the last four weeks at 12, 24 and 85, and for all respiratory diseases combined, 215, 311, 375 and 403.

Attacking the epidemic of colds from another angle, the Health Department said yesterday that the Health Department, with the cooperation of the reorganized Public Service Commission, was prepared to push the fight for better street facilities. The department will publish within a few days a report of its recent observations as to overcrowding in streetcars and other public vehicles. In those parts of the city where relief cannot be obtained by new routes, new facilities, short cut lines, etc., it is the intention of the department to ask for larger cars, more cars or shorter headways.

Michael J. Drummond Ill.

Michael J. Drummond, former Commissioner of Charities, is critically ill at his home, at 435 Riverside Drive, of pneumonia. Late last night Dr. John Dornier, of 124 West Eighty-first Street, said that his patient was delirious, but that he had a fight with pneumonia. He is sixty-five years old. Mr. Drummond's five children are at his bedside.

Immediately followed by a fusillade of shots from the direction taken by the Americans and their captors.

Carranza Must Punish Murderers, if Act Occurred

Washington, Jan. 11.—Consular dispatches to the State Department from the border to-night tell of reports that seventeen American mining men were taken from a train and killed by former Villa soldiers near Chihuahua, Mexico. Secretary Lansing, who was attending the Cabinet dinner at the White House, kept in touch with the department throughout the evening and brought the reports to the attention of the President.

Representatives of the United States in Mexico and along the border were instructed to investigate and rush any information available to Washington.

The circumstantial character of the stories causes officials to fear they are true. If the reports are verified representations probably will be sent to Carranza at once, demanding that he hunt down the murderers and take steps to prevent the perpetration of such crimes in future. Such a tragedy, it is pointed out, would demonstrate the inability of Carranza and other foreigners and their property are concerned, the situation is worse instead of better since the main body of the Villa forces surrendered to the de facto government.

Secretary Lansing made public only a part of his advice from the border. A list of murdered American mining men received by the State Department containing twelve names, all of which are given in the El Paso news dispatches.

Of the seventeen victims named in the El Paso dispatches, Charles Wadleigh, C. W. Newman, Jack Hase, J. Jones and Thomas W. Holmes were not on the department's list.

Mining men here to-night, discussing the tragedy, emphasized in part that the activities of General Villa have been unimpeded for some time in the Guerrero district, where he commanded a territory of rich country along the line of the Mexican North-western Railway. Together with General Rodriguez he has cut the railroad and threatened the property of the Madera Company, Limited, at Madera.

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## The Bulgars would have fought anything in sight to get back Macedonia, for all they want is their own. You will understand why the Central Powers' proposition was more attractive than that of the Allies when you read Arthur Ruhl's "Bulgaria at War" in this week's

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ASK WILSON TO PUT TAFT IN U. S. COURT

Thirty-two Lawyers of Both Political Faiths Urge Him as Lamar's Successor.

Widely known lawyers from fourteen states signed the letter delivered to President Wilson yesterday urging the nomination of William Howard Taft to succeed the late Mr. Justice Lamar as an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court. Of the thirty-two signers seven have been presidents of the American Bar Association. Democrats and Republicans are almost equally represented on the list.

The letter said:

"Believing that the Hon. William Howard Taft, on account of training in the law and on the bench and in public affairs, and also by reason of his great moral and intellectual qualities and the confidence reposed in him by the people of the United States, is better qualified than any other man successfully to discharge the high duties of a justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and that his appointment will be preeminently satisfactory to the people of the United States, we earnestly and respectfully urge that you nominate him to succeed Mr. Justice Lamar."

Some of the undersigned of Mr. Taft are ex-Secretary of War J. M. Dickinson, of Chicago, Republican; ex-Assessor to the United States, J. H. Choate, Republican; Alton B. Parker, Democratic candidate for the Presidency in 1904; Peter W. Meldrum, of Savannah, ex-president of the American Bar Association, Democrat; ex-Senator Elihu Root, of New York, Republican; John T. Richards, of Chicago, Republican, and Edgar Howard Farrar, of New Orleans, ex-president of the American Bar Association, Democrat.

Other signers are Rome G. Brown, of Minneapolis; Henry D. Estabrook, of New York; W. A. Ketcham, of Indianapolis; J. Newton Fiero, of New York; Robert H. Parkinson, of Chicago; Charles A. Boston, of New York; Thomas L. Parkinson, of New York; Frederick Eugene Wadhams, of Albany; Carroll T. Bond, of Baltimore; Everett Pennerly Wheeler, of New York; Lucien Hugh Alexander, of Philadelphia; Thomas W. Stetson, of New York; Stockbridge, of Baltimore; Arthur Isaac Vorse, of Columbus; George Whitehead, of Baltimore; Charles N. Pollock, of Wyoming; Francis F. Smith, of St. Louis; John Lowell, of Boston; William P. Byrum, of North Carolina; Chapin Brown, of Washington; Walter G. Smith, of Philadelphia; Edward Quinn Keaher, of Newark, and William M. Chabouhner, of New York.

been destroyed—railroads, bridges, machinery, even the seeds on which the next year's crops depended, he said. In almost every city and town the people are starving, and great numbers of the middle class have fled from the country. While the bands play all day long in the public places, starving women, with dying babies in their arms, can be seen lying on the ground. Mr. Mause is a fellow of the United States must inevitably intervene, for the sake of humanity; if for no other reason. He thought the attitude of the administration toward Carranza was a mistake.

30-DAY STAY FOR SCHMIDT

Gets Reprieve from Whitman, but Appeal Is Denied.

Hans Schmidt, convicted of the murder of Anna Amuller in 1913, will not die in the death chair Friday. Governor Whitman yesterday granted him a thirty days' reprieve.

Attorneys for Schmidt appealed the case to Justice Hughes, from the United States Supreme Court, a few days ago on an application for a writ of error. Pending a decision Governor Whitman granted the reprieve. A few hours later he had been denied, but the reprieve already had been received at Sing Sing and made known to the condemned man.

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U. S. Must Inevitably Intervene in Mexico, Lecturer Declares.

Before a meeting of the American Geographical Society last night Frederic I. Mosen declared that conditions in Mexico were never worse than at the present moment. Carranza is too weak a man to pacify the country, the lecturer asserted, and the opinion that Carranza is in this country concerning the force at his disposal and the territory under his control is based on false information.

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